

Remarks

By the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found throughout the specification and specifically, for example, on page 4, third full paragraph, and on pages 6, first full paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Formal Matters

Applicants note with appreciation that the Office Action has withdrawn the claim rejections in the previous Office Action mailed January 2, 2008 in view of Applicants' Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed December 8, 2008.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Office rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph, for failing to provide support for the recitation "6-O-methyl-2'-deoxyguanine."

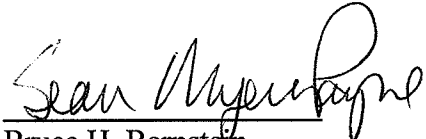
Applicants note that the previous recitation of deoxyguanine was a typographical error. By the present amendment, the typographical error is corrected. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is fully enabled. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of record, and allow all the pending claims.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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